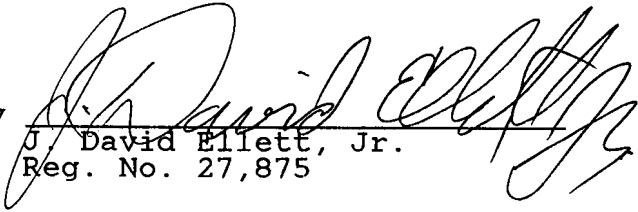




As noted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith, three persons were identified as joint inventors in the European '961 application: J. Georg Bednorz and K. Alex Mueller - the applicants in the subject United States application - and Masaaki Takashige, a Japanese citizen residing in Ruschlikon, Switzerland at the time of filing the '961 application. The difference in inventorship arose under the circumstances of the present case because patent laws of the United States and the European patent convention differ, as discussed in the Information Disclosure Statement.

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